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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/07 AND ENDING 12/31/07
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Empiric Distributors, Inc.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

6300 Bridge Point Parkway, Building 2, Suite 105

(No. and Street)

Austin

(City)

Texas

(State)

78730

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Mark A. Coffelt

(512) 328-9321

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Tait, Weller & Baker, LLP

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

1818 Market Street, Suite 2400

(Address)

Philadelphia

(City)

PA

(State)

19103

(Zip Code)

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- ☒ Certified Public Accountant
☐ Public Accountant
☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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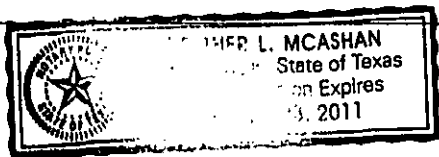
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Mark A. Coffelt, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Empiric Distributors, Inc., as of December 31, 20 07, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:



Mark A. Coffelt

Signature

President

Title

Heather L. McAshan

Notary Public



This report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing Page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☒ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
- ☒ (o) Auditors' Report on Internal Control.

**For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

EMPIRIC DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT

FORM X-17A-5

DECEMBER 31, 2007

TAIT, WELLER & BAKER LLP

Certified Public Accountants

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**To the Shareholders
Empiric Distributors, Inc.
Austin, Texas**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Empiric Distributors, Inc. as of December 31, 2007, and the related statements of income (loss), changes in ownership equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Empiric Distributors, Inc. as of December 31, 2007, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements, taken as a whole. The information contained in Pages 3, 4, 6 and 7 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Tait, Weller & Baker LLP

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
February 25, 2008**

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT

PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER	Empiric Distributors, Inc.	N3	100
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION FOR NONCARRYING, NONCLEARING AND CERTAIN OTHER BROKERS OR DEALERS

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	Allowable	Non-Allowable	Total
1. Cash	\$ 1,405 200		\$ 1,405 750
2. Receivables from brokers or dealers:			
A. Clearance account	\$ 6,050 295		
B. Other	300	\$ 550 600	\$ 6,050 810
3. Receivable from non-customers	355		830
4. Securities and spot commodities owned at market value:			
A. Exempted securities	147,111 418		
B. Debt securities	419		
C. Options	420		
D. Other securities	424		
E. Spot commodities	430		147,111 850
5. Securities and/or other investments not readily marketable:			
A. At cost \$ 130			
B. At estimated fair value	440	610	860
6. Securities borrowed under subordination agreements and partners' individual and capital securities accounts, at market value:			
A. Exempted securities \$ 150			
B. Other securities \$ 160			
7. Secured demand notes:	470	640	890
Market value of collateral:			
A. Exempted securities \$ 170			
B. Other securities \$ 180			
8. Memberships in exchanges:			
A. Owned, at market \$ 190			
B. Owned, at cost		650	
C. Contributed for use of the company, at market value		660	900
9. Investment in and receivables from affiliates, subsidiaries and associated partnerships	480	670	910
10. Property, furniture, equipment, leasehold improvements and rights under lease agreements, at cost-net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	490	680	920
11. Other assets	535	735	930
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 154,566 540	\$ 740 940	\$ 154,566 940

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See notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT

PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER

Empiric Distributors, Inc.

as of 12/31/07

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION FOR NONCARRYING, NONCLEARING AND CERTAIN OTHER BROKERS OR DEALERS

LIABILITIES AND OWNERSHIP EQUITY

Liabilities	A.I. Liabilities	Non-A.I. Liabilities	Total
13. Bank loans payable	\$ 1045	\$ 1255 ¹³	\$ 1470
14. Payable to brokers or dealers:			
A. Clearance account	1114	1315	1560
B. Other	1115 ¹⁰	1305	1540
15. Payable to non-customers	20,840 1155	1355	20,840 1610
16. Securities sold not yet purchased, at market value		1360	1620
17. Accounts payable, accrued liabilities, expenses and other	2,669 1205	1385	2,669 1685
18. Notes and mortgages payable:			
A. Unsecured	1210		1690
B. Secured	1211 ¹²	1390 ¹⁴	1700
19. E. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors:			
A. Cash borrowings:		1400	1710
1. from outsiders ¹⁵ \$ 970			
2. includes equity subordination (15c3-1(d)) of ... \$ 980			
B. Securities borrowings, at market value from outsiders \$ 990		1410	1720
C. Pursuant to secured demand note collateral agreements		1420	1730
1. from outsiders \$ 1000			
2. includes equity subordination (15c3-1(d)) of ... \$ 1010			
D. Exchange memberships contributed for use of company, at market value		1430	1740
E. Accounts and other borrowings not qualified for net capital purposes	1220	1440	1750
20. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 23,509 1230	\$ 1450	\$ 23,509 1760
Ownership Equity			
21. Sole Proprietorship			1770 ¹⁵
22. Partnership (limited partners)	1020 ¹¹		1780
23. Corporation:			
A. Preferred stock			1791
B. Common stock		10,000	1792
C. Additional paid-in capital		69,529	1793
D. Retained earnings		51,528	1794
E. Total		131,057	1795
F. Less capital stock in treasury			1796 ¹⁶
24. TOTAL OWNERSHIP EQUITY		\$ 131,057	1800
25. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNERSHIP EQUITY		\$ 154,566	1810

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See notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT

PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER

Empiric Distributors, Inc.

as of 12/31/07

COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL

1. Total ownership equity from Statement of Financial Condition	\$	131,057	3480
2. Deduct ownership equity not allowable for Net Capital	%	()	3490
3. Total ownership equity qualified for Net Capital		131,057	3500
4. Add:			
A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital			3520
B. Other (deductions) or allowable credits (List)			3525
5. Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities	\$	131,057	3530
6. Deductions and/or charges:			
A. Total non-allowable assets from			
Statement of Financial Condition (Notes B and C)	%	\$	3540
B. Secured demand note delinquency			3590
C. Commodity futures contracts and spot commodities -			
proprietary capital charges			3600
D. Other deductions and/or charges			3610
7. Other additions and/or allowable credits (List)			3620
8. Net capital before haircuts on securities positions	%	\$	3630
9. Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable, pursuant to 15c3-1(f)):			
A. Contractual securities commitments	\$		3640
B. Subordinated securities borrowings			3670
C. Trading and investment securities:			
1. Exempted securities	%	19,681	3735
2. Debt securities			3733
3. Options			3730
4. Other securities			3734
D. Undue Concentration			3650
E. Other (List)			3736
10. Net Capital	\$	111,376	3750

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The net capital as reported in the Company's unaudited Focus Report agrees with the audited net capital reported above.

See notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT

PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER

Empiric Distributors, Inc.

as of 12/31/07

COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

Part A

11. Minimum net capital required (6 7/8% of line 19)	\$	1,567	3756
12. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A)	\$	5,000	3758
13. Net capital requirement (greater of line 11 or 12)	\$	5,000	3760
14. Excess net capital (line 10 less 13)	\$	106,376	3770
15. Excess net capital at 1000% (line 10 less 10% of line 19)	\$	109,025	3780

COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS

16. Total A.I. liabilities from Statement of Financial Condition	\$	23,509	3790
17. Add:			
A. Drafts for immediate credit	\$	3800	
B. Market value of securities borrowed for which no equivalent value is paid or credited	\$	3810	
C. Other unrecorded amounts (List)	\$	3820	
18. Total aggregate indebtedness	\$	23,509	3840
19. Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital (line 18 + by line 10)	%	21	3850
20. Percentage of debt to debt-equity total computed in accordance with Rule 15c3-1(d)	%		3860

COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

Part B

21. 2% of combined aggregate debit items as shown in Formula for Reserve Requirements pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 prepared as of the date of the net capital computation including both brokers or dealers and consolidated subsidiaries' debits	\$		3970
22. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A)	\$		3880
23. Net capital requirement (greater of line 21 or 22)	\$		3760
24. Excess capital (line 10 less 23)	\$		3910
25. Net capital in excess of the greater of:			
A. 5% of combined aggregate debit items or \$120,000	\$		3920

NOTES:

- (A) The minimum net capital requirement should be computed by adding the minimum dollar net capital requirement of the reporting broker dealer and, for each subsidiary to be consolidated, the greater of:
1. Minimum dollar net capital requirement, or
 2. 6 7/8% of aggregate indebtedness or 4% of aggregate debits if alternative method is used.
- (B) Do not deduct the value of securities borrowed under subordination agreements or secured demand note covered by subordination agreements not in satisfactory form and the market values of memberships in exchanges contributed for use of company (contra to item 1740) and partners' securities which were included in non-allowable assets.
- (C) For reports filed pursuant to paragraph (d) of Rule 17a-5, respondent should provide a list of material non-allowable assets.

See notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT

PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER **Empiric Distributors, Inc.**

For the period (MMDDYY) from 1/1/07 3932 to 12/31/07 3933
 Number of months included in this statement 12 3931

STATEMENT OF INCOME (LOSS)

REVENUE

1. Commissions:		
a. Commissions on transactions in exchange listed equity securities executed on an exchange	\$ 110,384	3935
b. Commissions on listed option transactions		3938
c. All other securities commissions		3939
d. Total securities commissions		3940
2. Gains or losses on firm securities trading accounts		
a. From market making in options on a national securities exchange		3945
b. From all other trading		3949
c. Total gain (loss)		3950
3. Gains or losses on firm securities investment accounts	(9,635)	3952
4. Profit (loss) from underwriting and selling groups		3955
5. Revenue from sale of investment company shares		3970
6. Commodities revenue		3990
7. Fees for account supervision, investment advisory and administrative services		3975
8. Other revenue	69,085	3995
9. Total revenue	\$ 169,834	4030

EXPENSES

10. Salaries and other employment costs for general partners and voting stockholder officers		4120
11. Other employee compensation and benefits		4115
12. Commissions paid to other broker-dealers	18,733	4140
13. Interest expense		4075
a. Includes interest on accounts subject to subordination agreements	4070	
14. Regulatory fees and expenses	2,350	4195
15. Other expenses	60,927	4100
16. Total expenses	\$ 82,010	4200

NET INCOME

17. Income (loss) before Federal income taxes and items below (Item 9 less Item 16)	\$ 87,824	4210
18. Provision for Federal income taxes (for parent only)		4220
19. Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated subsidiaries not included above		4222
a. After Federal income taxes of	4338	
20. Extraordinary gains (losses)		4224
a. After Federal income taxes of	4239	
21. Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles		4225
22. Net income (loss) after Federal income taxes and extraordinary items	\$ 87,824	4230

MONTHLY INCOME

23. Income (current month only) before provision for Federal income taxes and extraordinary items	\$	4211
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See notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT

PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER

Empiric Distributors, Inc.

For the period (MMDDYY) from 1/1/07 to 12/31/07

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP EQUITY (SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION)

1. Balance, beginning of period	\$	169,233	4240
A. Net income (loss)		87,824	4250
B. Additions (Includes non-conforming capital of	\$	4262	4260
C. Deductions (Includes non-conforming capital of	\$	(126,000)	4270
2. Balance, end of period (From item 1800)	\$	131,057	4290

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS

3. Balance, beginning of period	\$	4308
A. Increases		4318
B. Decreases		4320
4. Balance, end of period (From item 3520)	\$	4330

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See notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT

PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER

Empiric Distributors, Inc.

as of 12/31/07

EXEMPTIVE PROVISION UNDER RULE 15c3-3

24. If an exemption from Rule 15c3-1 is claimed, identify below the section upon which such exemption is based (check one only)

- A. (k)(1) — \$2,500 capital category as per Rule 15c3-1 (5,000) X 4550
- B. (k)(2)(A) — "Special Account for the Exclusive Benefit of customers" maintained 4560
- C. (k)(2)(B) — All customer transactions cleared through another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis.
 Name of clearing firm 4335 4570
- D. (k)(3) — Exempted by order of the Commission (include copy of letter) 4580

Ownership Equity and Subordinated Liabilities maturing or proposed to be withdrawn within the next six months and accruals, (as defined below), which have not been deducted in the computation of Net Capital.

Type of Proposed Withdrawal or Accrual (See below for code)	Name of Lender or Contributor	Insider or Outsider? (In or Out)	Amount to be Withdrawn (cash amount and/or Net Capital Value of Securities)	(MMDDYY) Withdrawal or Maturity Date	Expect to Renew (Yes or No)
31 4600	4601	4602	4603	4604	4605
32 4610	4611	4612	4613	4614	4615
33 4620	4621	4622	4623	4624	4625
34 4630	4631	4632	4633	4634	4635
35 4640	4641	4642	4643	4644	4645
			Total \$ 4699		

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Instructions: Detail Listing must include the total of items maturing during the six month period following the report date, regardless of whether or not the capital contribution is expected to be renewed. The schedule must also include proposed capital withdrawals scheduled within the six month period following the report date including the proposed redemption of stock and anticipated accruals which would cause a reduction of Net Capital. These anticipated accruals would include amounts of bonuses, partners' drawing accounts, taxes, and interest on capital, voluntary contributions to pension or profit sharing plans, etc., which have not been deducted in the computation of Net Capital, but which you anticipate will be paid within the next six months.

WITHDRAWAL CODE:

DESCRIPTIONS

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| 1. | Equity Capital |
| 2. | Subordinated Liabilities |
| 3. | Accruals |

See notes to financial statements.

EMPIRIC DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended December 31, 2007

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH

Cash flows from operating activities

Commissions received and other revenue	\$ 179,055
Clearing expenses, filing fees and operating expenses paid	<u>(63,501)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>115,554</u>

Cash flows from financing activities

Dividends paid	<u>(126,000)</u>
Net cash used for financing purposes	<u>(126,000)</u>
Net decrease in cash	(10,446)

Cash

Beginning of year	<u>11,851</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 1,405</u>

RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net income	\$ 87,824
Loss on investments	9,635
Increase in accounts receivable	(414)
Increase in accounts payable	2,669
Increase in accrued expenses	<u>15,840</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 115,554</u>

See notes to financial statements.

EMPIRIC DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 2007

(1) BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

Empiric Distributors, Inc. (the "*Company*"), a fully disclosed introducing broker-dealer located in Austin, Texas, is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("*SEC*"), the State Securities Commissions of Texas and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("*FINRA*"). The Company is engaged primarily in institutional and retail securities brokerage services. The Company began operations August 30, 2002. The Company, formerly Texas Capital, Inc., doing business as First Austin Investments, changed its name in January 2007.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Securities transactions and related revenues and expenses are recorded on a settlement date basis.

INCOME TAXES

The Company files its taxes with its parent company, Empiric Advisors, Inc. (formerly known as First Austin Capital Management).

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

(2) REGULATORY REQUIREMENT

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (reserve requirement for brokers and dealers) as covered in Rule 15c3-3 (k) (1) in that it does not hold funds or securities for customers and it promptly transmits all funds and delivers all securities in connection with its activities as a broker or dealer.

The Company, as a registered broker-dealer, is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1). This rule requires that the Company maintain minimum net capital, as defined, of at least the greater of \$5,000 or 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness, as defined. Net capital and aggregate indebtedness change from day to day, but as of December 31, 2007, the Company had net capital of \$111,376 which exceeded its net capital requirement of \$5,000 by \$106,376. The Company's ratio was .21 to 1 of aggregate indebtedness to net capital.

EMPIRIC DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 2007

(3) DUE FROM CLEARING BROKERS

The Company always introduces its clients' transactions on a fully disclosed basis to its clearing broker for execution, clearance, and depository operations in accordance with the terms of their clearing agreement. In connection therewith, the Company has agreed to indemnify the clearing brokers pursuant to the terms of its clearing agreement.

(4) CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The Company maintains bank accounts which may exceed federally insured limits. Historically, they have not experienced any credit-related losses.

TAIT, WELLER & BAKER LLP
Certified Public Accountants

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

**Board of Directors
Empiric Distributors, Inc.
Austin, Texas**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Empiric Distributors, Inc. (the "Company"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of compliance with such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g), in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the procedures for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13, or in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls. A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of a company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2007, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Tait, Weller & Baker LLP

TAIT, WELLER & BAKER LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
February 25, 2008

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